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MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"In view of the seriousness of the allegation made, will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to send for Mr. Slater?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not admit the premises; therefore I do not accept this conclusion."

MR. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I ask Mr. Ramjee himself to state what exactly took place?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have already ruled that there is no provision for it under Standing Order No. 11 (2)."

MR. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I ask the hon. Member to give information, such information as is within his own knowledge?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Mr. Satyamurti characterized my ruling as a new ruling. Will the hon. Member just explain?"

MR. SATYAMURTI:—"I only meant, rulings with respect to new matters in respect of which rulings had not been given before. It was far from my intention to impugn or cast any reflection on the impartiality or competence of the Chair."

Depressed classes

Starting of the Nayadi colony in Olavakkod.

* 1835 Q.—**MR. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:** Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any arrangements have so far been made to start the Nayadi colony in Olavakkod;

(b) what amount was budgeted for this scheme during the year 1927-28, and what amount the Labour department expect to spend on this account before the 31st March 1928; and what amount the Labour department expect to surrender during the current official year; and

(c) whether the Government contemplate to open any such colonies in any other locality in Malabar or in other districts in 1928-29?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) A sum of Rs. 1,000 has been provided for the purpose during the current official year and it has not been surrendered.

(c) No.

MR. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Who are the officials that are controlling the arrangements for the starting of the Nayadi colony?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The whole scheme is under the Commissioner of Labour."

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the scheme had been worked out in detail before Rs. 1,000 was provided?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Notice, Sir."

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know why the scheme was not put into operation?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I want notice of the question."

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Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—“ May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether he will accept the co-operation of any non-official agency who are interested in Nayadis to start the work ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I do not know.”

Relief to the labourers and Adi-Andhras of Ellore.

* 1836 Q.—Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Labour Commissioner or the Government has received petitions from Adi-Andhras and labourers of Ellore who have suffered loss of thatched houses and household furniture and utensils by fire ;

(b) whether any action has been taken by the Labour Commissioner ; if so, what kind of relief in money or kind has been given for the sufferers and the amount spent ; and

(c) if the answer is in the negative, the reasons for it ?

A.—(a) No. A telegram on the subject was received from M.R.Ry. M. Narayana Rao Garu, M.L.C.

(b) & (c) The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 10,000 for the purchase of materials required for the building and repair of the houses of the poor and any other relief measures which the Collector of West Godavari may find necessary. The Government have also permitted the Collector to take palmyra trees to the value of Rs. 5,000 from porambokes in charge of the Public Works Department for distribution to the persons whose houses have been burnt.

Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO :—“ May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether it is a fact that the Adi-Andhras have sent petitions to the Labour Commissioner and if so what action has been taken by him ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ The Government have already taken action in the matter.”

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ May I know if the Government have received any report from the Collector of West Godavari regarding the extent of loss sustained by the people in the fire accident ? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—“ I have not seen any final report on that point. I will enquire.”

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ May I know if the amount of Rs. 10,000 placed at the disposal of the Collector is the maximum amount that the Government are prepared to give to the poor people or whether they are going to increase it on receiving the report of the extent of the loss ? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—“ After receiving the first information, we placed Rs. 5,000 at the disposal of the Collector and asked him to apply for more if necessary. He then wanted another Rs. 5,000 and it was granted.”